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LONG ASHTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1947.



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To the Chairman and Members of the  
Long Ashton Rural District Council,

Sir, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my report on the health and Sanitary condition of the district during the past year. The information therein is, as far as possible, in conformity with the requirements of the Minister of Health as laid down in Circular 170/47 dated 31st December, 1947.

#### STATISTICS & SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Area. . . . .	46,602 acres.
Population (census 1931) . . . . .	20,378
Registrar General's estimate to the middle of 1947	23,890
Number of inhabited houses (to end of 1947)	7,085.
Rateable value	£185,669.
Sum represented by a Penny Rate.	£748. 15. 2.

There are no important changes to note as regards the social conditions and general characteristics of the area.

#### VITAL STATISTICS.

	M.	F.	Total.	
<u>Live Births:</u> Legitimate	211	212	423	Birth rate (per 1,000 of the estimated population): 18.1.
Illegitimate	5	6	11	
	<u>216</u>	<u>218</u>	<u>434</u>	

	M.	F.	Total.	
<u>Still Births:</u> Legitimate	6	5	11	Still birth rate (per 1,000 live and still births) 29.0
Illegitimate	1	1	2	
	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>13</u>	

#### Deaths.

	M.	F.	Total.	
	152	165	317	Death rate (per 1,000 of the estimated population) 13.2

Deaths from Furerperal causes: Nil.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total 12 (of which 1 was illegitimate)

Death rates of all infants per 1,000 live births.....	27.6
" " " legitimate infants per 1,000 live births...	25.3
" " " illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births.....	9.0



Ages of deaths of Infants under		
1 year of age.....	Under 1 week	7
	1 - 4 weeks	1
	1 - 6 months	2
	6 -12 months	2

Total: 12

Of these 9 deaths were due to premature birth, or congenital defects, 2 to pneumonia and 1 to pulmonary tuberculosis.

Deaths from measles (all ages).....	Nil
" " whooping cough.....	1
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age).....	1
" " Cancer.....	55

The total number of births (434) is again higher than in 1946 (399).

The birth rate (18.1) is also higher than in 1946(17.2).

The birth rate for England and Wales this year is 20.5

The total number of deaths (317) is higher than in 1946 (264)

The death rate (13.2) is well over that for 1946 (11.3)

The death rate for England and Wales this year is 12.0

The infant mortality rate (27.6) is a little higher than

in 1946 but is still extremely good compared with the death rate of infants for England and Wales (41.0) which is also very low.

#### CAUSES OF DEATH.

Tuberculosis (all forms)	12	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	4
Pneumonia	8	Other diseases of digestive	
Bronchitis	19	system.	4
Influenza	1	Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	1
Other respiratory diseases	3	Nephritis	12
Cancer (all forms)	55	Premature birth	3
Heart diseases	79	Congenital defects & diseases	7
Other diseases of the		Suicide	4
circulatory system	11	Road traffic accidents	3
Intercranial vascular		Other violent causes	12
lesions	40	All other causes	37
Diabetes	2		

#### PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

##### Notifiable diseases.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Notifications.</u>	<u>Removals to Hospital.</u>	<u>Death.</u>
Scarlet Fever	15	7	-
Diphtheria	2	2	-
Erysipelas	8	2	-
Pneumonia (all forms)	22	1	8
Cerebro-spinal fever	3	3	-
Acute anterior poliomyelitis	5	4	-
Puerperal pyrexia	1	1	-
Dysentery	6	-	-
Whooping Cough	81	2	1
Measles	204	2	-
Totals.	347	24	9

Both of the notifications of diphtheria proved to be forms of tonsillitis, so that there were no actual cases of diphtheria in the district this year and which is probably due largely to the immunisation of children under 15 years of age against this serious disease. The cases of poliomyelitis were all





fairly mild attacks and there were no deaths from it. Measles has recurred again this year, but there have been no deaths from it. The only deaths from notifiable diseases being 8 from pneumonia and one from whooping cough.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

There has been a steady decline in the number of cases of diphtheria in this district, and throughout the country since immunisation was introduced. Children under the school age (5 years) are dealt with by private medical practitioners and those between 5 and 15 years of age by the County School Medical Officers. It is most important to get as many as possible inoculated as soon as, or a little before, they attain one year of age and a reinforcing injection given shortly before starting school life. The number of children immunised in this area during 1947 is as follows:-

<u>Under five</u> <u>years of age.</u>	<u>Five to four-</u> <u>teen years.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
221	45	266

The number of children who were given a secondary or reinforcing injection..... 451  
The number of children who had completed a full course up to December 31st, 1947 was..... 3132

TUBERCULOSIS.

	<u>Notifications.</u>		<u>Removals to</u> <u>Sanatorium.</u>		<u>Deaths.</u>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Respiratory	25	16	8	2	5	4
Non-Respiratory	7	5	-	1	2	1
Total.	32	21	8	3	7	5

NOTIFICATIONS & DEATHS IN AGE PERIODS.

<u>Age Periods</u>	<u>Notifications.</u>				<u>Deaths.</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1st year						1		
1 - 5 years			1				1	
5 -15 years		1	3					1
15-25 years	11	4	2		2			
25-35 years	4	7		1		3	1	
35-45 years	4	4		2	2			
45-55 years	1		1					
55-65 years	4				1			
65 & over	1							
Totals.	25	16	7	3	5	4	2	1





## Tuberculosis: Notifications and deaths in age periods continued..

There has been a considerable increase in the number of notifications this year, 53 compared with 22 last year, but the deaths only exceed those of last year by 2. There is still a great shortage of sanatorium beds due chiefly to the difficulty of staffing these institutions.

The tuberculosis dispensaries for this area are The Central Clinic, Tower Hill Bristol, and at Clevedon.

There has been no necessity to take action under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Acts & Regulations, 1925.

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Laboratory facilities are provided by the County Authority at the County Hall, Taunton, and for urgent cases at the Bristol Public Health Laboratory, Whatley Hall, Bristol. 8. Hospital treatment for notifiable infectious diseases is provided, by arrangement with the Bristol Health Authority, at Ham Green Hospital. There is no change to report in such matters as ambulance facilities, nursing in the home, treatment centres and clinics or Hospitals, public or voluntary.

Legislation in the area is also unchanged.

### WATER SUPPLY.

1. (a) The water supply of the area has been generally satisfactory in quality but parts of the district still require a better supply owing to contaminated wells, etc.

(b) There has been no appreciable shortage of water although some parts of the area are in need of a more dependable and constant supply.

The water supply of the area generally has been improved by certain main extensions having been carried out and should be further improved by post war schemes which were in course of preparation at the end of the year.

2. Forty-four samples of water for bacteriological examinations were taken from piped water supplies, the results being as follows:-

#### (a) Supplies owned by Council.

1. Winford Parochial Supply. Raw water. No treatment installed. 7 samples taken, 3 samples excellent, 3 fair 1 not satisfactory.

2. DUNDRY TEMPORARY SUPPLY. Raw water. No treatment installed. 5 samples taken, 2 samples excellent, 2 fair, 1 slight contaminated.

3. Clapton-in-Gordano, Temporary Supply. Raw water passing through crushed limestone, 4 samples taken, 4 excellent results. 1 Chemical analysis showed the presence of a little zinc due to plumbo-solvent action of the water on galvanised iron pipes.

4. Weston-in-Gordano Parochial Supply (Source Walton-in-Gordano Estate Supply). Raw water. Temporarily chlorinated for period owing to contamination. 6 samples taken, 3 samples of raw water unfit, 1 excellent. 1 sample



treated water fair, 1 excellent.

5. Yatton Parochial Supply. Treatment by chlorination. 7 samples taken, 6 samples treated water excellent, 1 sample raw water excellent.

(b) Private piped supplies.

1. Bucklands Batch Supply, Nailsea. Raw water. No treatment installed. Five samples taken. 1 unfit, 3 fair, 1 excellent.
2. Walton-in-Gordano, Estate Supply. Raw water, temporarily chlorinated for period owing to contamination. 7 samples taken of raw water, 4 contaminated, 1 good, 2 excellent.
3. Lodge Lane Supply, Wraxall. Raw water. No treatment installed. Three samples taken. 3 fair results.

III. Contamination by lead.

The Clapton-in-Gordano temporary supply is liable to plumbo-solvent action and the water is passed through crushed limestone. Slight contamination by zinc from the galvanised pipes was experienced during the year, the analysts advising more frequent changing of and reduction in size of the limestone. The use of lead pipe on this supply is prohibited.

IV. Action in respect of contamination. Weston-in-Gordano.

The Council's piped supply was contaminated in the early months of the year through pollution by surface water at the spring source at Walton-in-Gordano following the thaw and heavy rainfall. Mains and reservoir were flushed and the supply chlorinated until contamination ceased.

Bucklands Batch Supply, Nailsea.

The supply was again contaminated, but frequent cleansing of the storage tank was carried out and the contamination ceased.

GENERALLY.

The main extensions carried out during the year will dispense with quite a number of contaminated private wells in the parishes of Nailsea and Backwell where 5½ miles of mains have been laid during the year.





Particulars of the  
V. Number of dwelling-houses and population supplied by water mains, and by means of standpipes is as follows:-

<u>Parish.</u>	<u>Area in Acres.</u>	<u>Approximate Population @ 31.12.47.</u>	<u>No. of Houses of</u>	<u>No. of houses supplied direct from mains.</u>	<u>No. of houses supplied from standpipes.</u>	<u>No. of Population supplied direct from mains.</u>	<u>Number of Population supplied from standpipes.</u>
Abbots Leigh.	2260	670	161	144	-	576	-
Backwell.	2929	1970	553	404	26	1414	91
Barfow Gurney.	2064	350	99	30	8	105	28
Bishopsworth.	796	2530	679	643	20	2379	74
Clapton-in-Gordano.	1355	181	61	7	20	30	58
Brockley.	1148	200	55	45	-	162	-
Dundry.	2897	910	244	13	24	45	88
Easton-in-Gordano.	1765	2450	750	641	46	2051	147
Flax Burton.	630	200	62	51	6	164	20
Kenn.	830	320	66	25	-	121	-
Kingston Seymour.	2652	250	59	2	1	8	4
Long Ashton.	4190	2815	855	808	19	2585	60
Nailsea.	2866	2590	769	489	25	1613	82
North Weston.	1063	1150	462	35	246	84	590
Portbury.	2845	435	126	68	6	231	20
Tickenham.	1629	615	189	153	12	489	38
Walton-in-Gordano.	908	235	96	33	-	80	-
Weston-in-Gordano.	708	150	39	14	13	53	49
Winford.	3340	1060	291	141	33	507	118
Wrexall.	4125	1900	609	439	-	1360	-
Yatton.	5602	3180	860	817	27	3022	99
46602	24161	7085	5002	532	17079	1566	





. EXTENSIONS OR IMPROVEMENTS OF SUPPLIES DURING YEAR.

1. Backwell & Wraxall. Extension of mains by Bristol Waterworks Company, under guarantee, to Backwell Common and Lodge Lane.
2. Nailsea. Extension of mains by Bristol Waterworks Company, under guarantee, to West End and The Grove.
3. Nailsea. Extension of main by Bristol Waterworks Company, under guarantee, to Fosse Lane to replace contaminated Parish well supply.
4. Tickenham. Service pipe extension by Council at Hill Lane to provide a standpipe supply to eight dwellings.
5. Nailsea. Extension of main by Bristol Waterworks Company, under guarantee, to Goss Lane.
6. Backwell. Extension of main by Bristol Waterworks Company, under guarantee, to Church Town.
7. Wraxall. Extension of mains by Bristol Waterworks Company, to the Grove.

POST WAR PROPOSALS.

<u>Priority.</u>	<u>Scheme.</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u> <u>(1947 prices).</u>
1.	<u>Yatton.</u> New borehole, pumping plant, extensions of service reservoir and pumping station, to Council's Yatton Parochial Supply.	£15,100.
1.	<u>Kingston Seymour.</u> Extension of Council's Yatton supply to village.	14,000.
1.	<u>Kenn.</u> Extension of main from Council's Yatton supply towards Kenn Court Farm.	1,400.
1.	<u>Abbots Leigh.</u> Extension of main by Bristol Waterworks Company to Blackmoor Road and Pill Road. Work proceeding.	2,303.
1.	<u>Easton-in-Gordano.</u> Extension of main by Portishead Water Company to Haberfield, Scheme approved and awaiting execution by Company.	2,000.
1.	<u>Winford.</u> Extension of Council's Winford supply mains to Harpers Batch and Hanging Grove.	2,000.
2.	<u>Barrow Gurney.</u> Extension of main by Bristol Waterworks Company to Barrow Hill and district.	8,000.
2.	<u>Dundry.</u> Provision of mains to Dundry for bulk supply from Bristol Waterworks Company.	35,000.
3.	<u>North Weston.</u> Provision of main supply by Portishead Water Company to replace standpipe supply to Redcliffe Bay area.	10,000.
4.	<u>Clapton-in-Gordano.</u> Extension of main to village by Portishead Water Company.	7,000.



## SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

No new sewers, other than minor extensions to new housing estates, and no new disposal works or improvements to existing works were carried out during the year.

A Public Inquiry was held by the Minister of Health into the Council's application for a loan to install new pumping plant and a rising main to overcome the surcharging of the sewers and flooding at the Yatton sewage pumping stations. The Minister's approval was subsequently given.

Inquiry was also held into the Council's application for loan sanction for a sewer extension at Cleeve, but the Minister was, in this case, of the opinion that the scheme should be deferred for the time being.

A sewerage and sewage disposal scheme for the parish of Nailsea was approved in principle by the Somerset County Council for the purposes of the Rural Water Supplies & Sewerage Act, 1944, and was subsequently submitted to the Ministry of Health in a preliminary form.

The Ministry of Health also sanctioned the Council's proposal for a new effluent drain at the Backwell Sewage Disposal Works, the installation of which is necessary to overcome the periodical flooding of the works.

The following works are included in Priority Group 1 in the Council's list of proposed sewerage and sewage disposal schemes:-

<u>Scheme.</u>	<u>Estimated cost</u> <u>(1947 prices).</u>
<u>Yatton.</u> New Pumping plant and rising main at Yatton Sewage Pumping Station.	£6,500.
<u>Portbury</u> Sewage Scheme to village in conjunction with new housing estate.	5,000.
<u>Flax Bourton.</u> Improvements to Cambridge House Sewage Disposal Works.	1,200.
<u>Backwell.</u> New effluent drain at Sewage disposal Works.	850.
<u>Nailsea.</u> Sewerage and sewage disposal to parish.	120,000.

## RIVERS AND STREAMS.

A few instances have occurred, particularly in respect of a watercourse at Kenn, of house drainage discharging into streams and ditches, and these have received appropriate attention.

## SMOKE ABATEMENT.

The Bristol and District Smoke Abatement Council, of which your Council are one of the constituent authorities, continued their meetings during the year. One of their main objects is to stress the importance of smoke prevention in post war planning and the conservation of fuel.

Your District is, however, very free from smoke nuisances.





### PUBLIC CLEANSING.

A comprehensive report on the collection of house refuse by direct labour and the emptying of cesspools was submitted to the Council towards the end of the year. Orders were placed for the purchase of two house refuse collecting vehicles and a cesspool emptier.

At present this work is being carried out under contracts which expire at the end of March, 1949, but if the new vehicles are delivered in time, it is intended to do all this work from then on by direct control. It is to be hoped that the Council will use this opportunity to improve this service and provide more frequent collections than the monthly system now applying to the more sparsely populated parts of the area.

### H O U S I N G.

Provision of new housing accommodation during the year:—

	<u>Houses erected during year.</u>		<u>Houses in course of erection at 31st Dec. 1947.</u>		<u>Conversion to flats or dwellings.</u>
	<u>Perm.</u>	<u>Tempy.</u>	<u>Perm.</u>	<u>Tempy.</u>	
Local Authority	72	Nil	78	Nil	91
Private Enterprise	75	Nil	21	Nil	44
	147	Nil	99	Nil	135

#### Erection of Houses by Council.

The location of the houses completed and in course of erection is summarised as follows:—

<u>Parish.</u>	<u>Houses Completed.</u>	<u>Houses under construction @ 31. 12. 47</u>
Backwell,	—	14
Bishopsworth,	18	2
Clapton-in-Gordano,	—	4
Easton-in-Gordano,	20	36
Long Ashton,	8	—
Nailsea,	18	—
North Weston,	—	6
Winford,	4	16
Yatton.	4	—
Total —	<u>72</u>	<u>78</u>

A further 28 houses (including 20 Airey type) were included in approved tenders, but not yet commenced, at the end of the year, whilst a further 16 Airey houses had been offered by the Ministry of Health.



## Houses erected by Private Enterprise.

At the end of the year, the position was as follows:-

<u>Parish.</u>	<u>Houses or Bungalows Completed.</u>	<u>Houses or Bungalows under Construction.</u>
Backwell,	12	2
Bishopsworth,	31	5
Dundry,	1	1
Long Ashton,	7	7
Nailsea,	5	2
Tickenham,	1	1
Winford,	1	1
Wraxall,	-	1
Yatton.	<u>17</u>	<u>1</u>
Total --	<u>75</u>	<u>21</u>

## Housing Accommodation by Conversion of Existing Buildings (Local Authority).

At the end of the year a total of 154 temporary dwellings had been provided by the conversion of ex-American Army Hospital buildings at Tyntesfield, Wraxall.

## Rural Housing Survey.

The survey has proceeded during the year, two male inspectors and one female typist being engaged almost full-time on the work. The Survey entails the inspection and recording of defects of some 2,805 houses of a rateable value of £16. and under.

By the end of the year a total of 2,084 houses had been inspected and the survey was proceeding in the parish of Dundry.

The position at the 31st December, 1947, is summarised as follows:-

Number of houses inspected and recorded.	2,084
Satisfactory in all respects	596
Houses with minor defects	326
Houses requiring repair or structural alteration	885
Houses unfit for human habitation.	277

The location of the unfit houses is as follows:-

<u>Parish.</u>	<u>Unfit Houses.</u>
Yatton,	45
Nailsea,	17
Abbots Leigh,	3
Easton-in-Gordano,	63
Long Ashton,	31
Wraxall,	24
Kenn,	7
Kingston Seymour,	10
Tickenham,	17
Walton-in-Gordano,	15
Dundry,	17
Flax Bourton,	8
Brockley,	2
Backwell,	16
Winford,	<u>2</u>
	Total 277



## Housing (Rural Workers) Acts.

The reconditioning work on the seven cottages acquired by the Council at New Rank, Nailsea, was completed during the year.

## Housing Needs and Conditions of the District.

There is still a big deficiency of houses to meet the demand, but the completion of seventy-two permanent houses and 154 temporary dwellings at Tyntesfield have made it possible to re-house a considerable number of families living under bad housing conditions.

The majority of the unfit houses already subject to demolition orders and undertakings have still to be temporarily occupied under licence.

### 1. Inspection of dwelling houses during the year:-

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects..... 731  
(Under Public Health or Housing Acts).
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.... 829
- (2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidation Regulations 1925 and 1932..... 370
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.... 406
- (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation..... 45
- (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.....195

### 2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices:-

- (a) Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers..... 24
- (b) Number of houses demolished voluntarily or in consequence of informal action.....Nil

### 3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-

#### (A) Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. 1
- (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-
  - (a) By Owners 1
  - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners. Nil.





3.(B) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

- |  |      |
|--|------|
| (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs        | 1    |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:- |      |
| (a) By Owners  | Nil  |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners  | Nil. |

(C) Proceedings under Section 11, 13 and 26 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

- |  |      |
|--|------|
| (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. | 1    |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.    | Nil. |
| (3)(a) Clearance orders made.  | Nil. |
| (b) Number of houses involved.   | Nil. |
| (4) Clearance orders confirmed.  | Nil. |
| (a) Number of houses involved  | Nil. |
| (b) Number of houses demolished  | Nil. |
| (c) Number of houses to be demolished  | 32.  |

(D) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

- |  |      |
|--|------|
| (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made   | Nil. |
| (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been made fit. | Nil. |

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR  
THE YEAR 1947.

<u>Inspections.</u>	No.of. complaints received during the year.	98
	No. of houses, premises, etc. inspected.	1958
	No.of houses disinfected, or to which disinfectants were supplied.	27
	No.of visits to cases of infectious disease	38
	Tuberculosis: Disinfections 22, Visits 24	
	No. of cases of bedding disinfected	27
	No.of scabies baths arranged for infected persons.....	6
	No.of verminous premises cleansed.	3
<u>Sewers.</u>	No.of new sewers laid down	2
	No.of sewers repaired or cleansed	6
	No.of visits to sewage works and installations	136
<u>House drains.</u>	No.of existing houses connected to sewers	4
	No. repaired or cleansed.	34
	No. of drains re-laid.	10
	No. of new piped drains laid.	197



<u>Earth Closets.</u>	No. of privies abolished.	1.
<u>Water Closets</u>	No. of cesspools re-constructed or cleansed	21.
<u>and Cesspools.</u>	No. of new cesspools.	36.
	No. of cesspools abolished	6.
	No. of new water closets	201.
	No. of new water closet pans or repairs	19
	No. of new earth closets constructed	-
	No. of earth closets converted into water closets.	3.
<u>New Dwellings.</u>	No. of new permanent houses completed and occupied.	147
	No. of new houses supplied by Company's water	145
	No. of new houses supplied by wells or cisterns	2
<u>Water supply.</u>	No. of samples of water taken for examination	44
	No. of existing houses supplied with Company's water	59
	No. of new wells	-
	No. of wells or cisterns cleansed or repaired	5
	No. of contaminated wells closed	38
	No. of dairies, cowsheds and milkshops inspected	76
	No. of bakehouses inspected.	12
	No. of slaughterhouses inspected	-
	No. of factories inspected	24
	No. of statutory notices served	9
	Ministry of Health inquiries held	1
	Legal proceedings taken	-

### S C H O O L S .

There is no change in the number of local schools and there is nothing fresh to report under this heading.

### ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

No infestations were met with in dwelling-houses during the year and, consequently, no action with regard to eradication was necessary.

### F O O D .

The following food was condemned during the year as being unfit for human consumption.

<u>M E A T .</u>		<u>O T H E R F O O D S .</u>	
Beef	493 lbs.	Dried apricots	75-lbs.
Tongue	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -lbs.	Dried apples	28-lbs.
Bacon	115 lbs.	Confectionery (cakes)	322
		Condensed milk	1 tin.

### SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

No. of licensed slaughter houses in District	2
No. of Registered slaughter-houses in district	9
No. of slaughter-houses used where horses are slaughtered for human consumption	Nil
No. of registered knackers yards in district.	Nil

The private slaughter-houses are still out of use owing to centralised slaughtering under the control of the Ministry of Food taking place at the Weston-super-Mare and Bristol public abattoirs.





### ICE CREAM.

No. of premises registered for:-

(a) Manufacture:	5
(b, Sale (1) Retail sale in bulk	8
(ii) Retail sale (Prepacked)	3

Frequent visits were paid and many samples taken during the summer months with a view to improving the standard of the premises and conditions generally under which the ice cream was manufactured and sold.

### FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

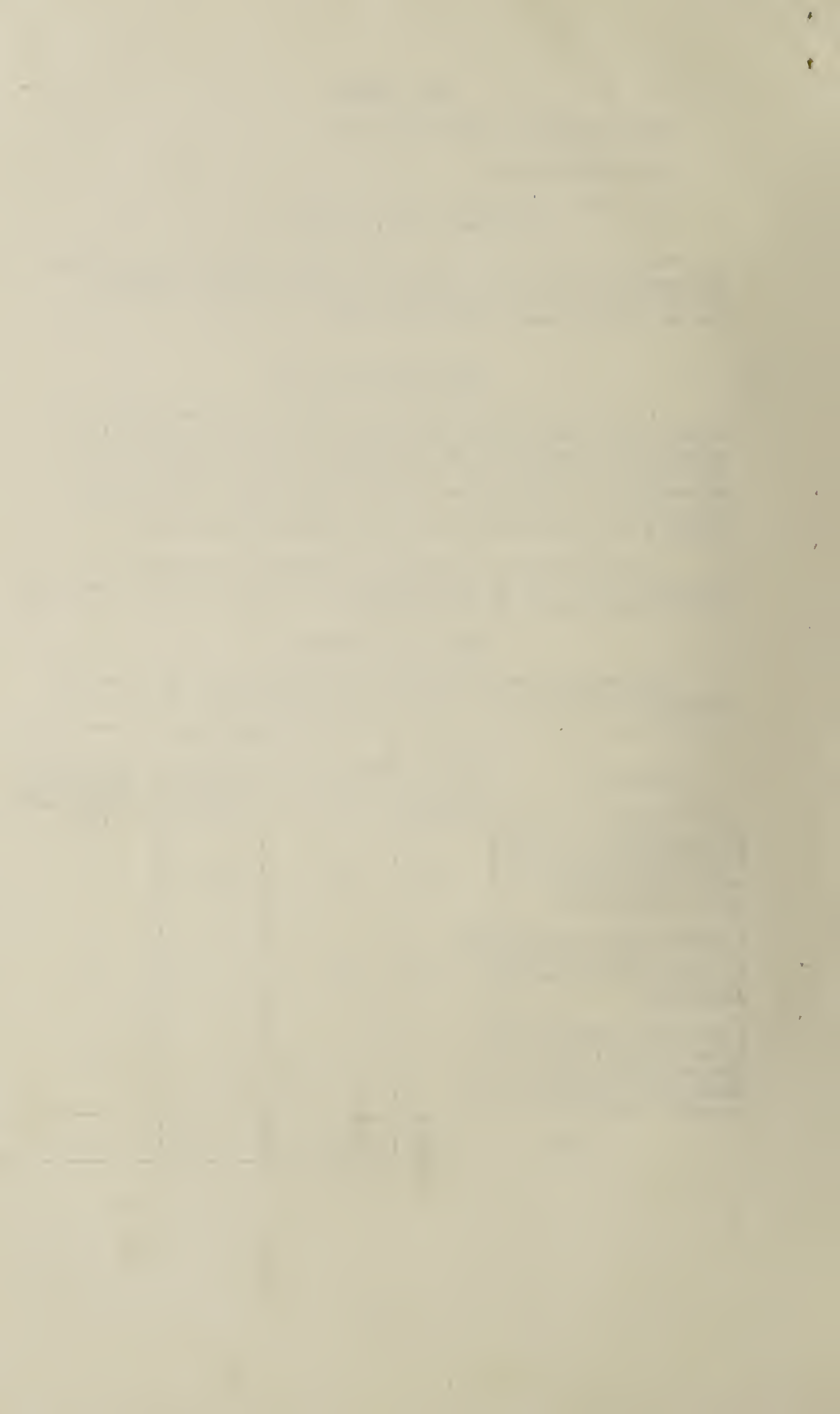
It has not been possible in view of the magnitude of other duties which have been placed on district Councils since the cessation of hostilities for your staff to carry out frequent inspections of factories and workplaces in accordance with Sections 1 to 7 of this Act. Every effort has, however, been made to require the remedy of sanitary defects when reported by H.M. Inspector of Factories.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1947, on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937 in the Long Ashton Rural District.

### PART 1 OF THE ACT.

1) Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors):-

Premises.	Number on Register.	Number of		
		Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
(1)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	16	16	Nil	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	40	21	3	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:	56	37	3	-



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(2) Cases in which Defects were found.

Particulars. (1)	No. of cases in which defects were found.				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7)
	Found.	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector (5)	By H.M. Inspector (6)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)					
Overcrowding (S.2)					
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)					
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)					
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)					
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1				
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	2	2	-	3	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	1				
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)					
Total.	3	2	-	3	-

OUTWORK IN UNWHOLESOME PREMISES.

Sections 110 and 111, Factories Act, 1937.

<u>Instances.</u>	<u>Notices served.</u>	<u>Prosecutions.</u>
Nil	Nil	Nil

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No. of milk producers on the Register.	352
No. of distributors only	83
No. of producer retailers	60
No. of producers of Tuberculin Tested Milk	48
No. of producers of Accredited milk	22
No. of licences for T.T. bottling establishments	3
No. of licences for Accredited bottling establishments	Nil.

From the foregoing details it will be observed that the work of the Public Health department continues to increase and that although considerable progress has been made much remains to be done. The housing survey that is being carried out, though not yet completed, already shows that a large number of houses in the area are unfit for habitation and many others require structural alterations and extensive repairs, but few of these can be dealt with until the post war housing programme has been completed. There are still many applicants waiting for houses to be built for them, though great efforts to supply their needs have been made by the conversion of many buildings in disused military camps into temporary dwellings (notably at Tyntesfield Park Estate and Easton-in-Gordano etc). to supplement the considerable number of permanent houses already built, a number in course of construction and others planned.

